

I have a son who is currently serving his country in Iraq. Waking up each day and reading that "5 more soldiers are killed" or some such headline makes for a tremendous amount of stress and fear as you can only imagine - "could this be my son?" is the immediate response. Never in my entire life has the importance of our electoral process become more clear than in our current situation. I've read/listened to more political nonsense than I've ever had the displeasure of doing so ever before in my life. Warping and twisting the Truth seems to run rampant in both parties. Now, Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation AND a blatant mis-use of corporate power. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is OBLIGATED BY LAW to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. It shows that money disregards one of the very reasons why my son is currently in harms way - freedom and justice for ALL. Please, please, please - I urge you as a parent to do something about Sinclair's obvious desire to sway the American electoral process simply because it will benefit them monetarily to do so by airing such a one-sided program as "Stolen Honor". Thank you for your time.

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